

Remarks/Arguments:

By this amendment, claims 9-11, 23-25, and 33-38 are canceled, and claims 1, 14, and 28 are amended. The specification is also amended to correct minor informalities. Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Objections

The Patent Office objected to claims 37 and 38 due to a typographical error. Claims 37 and 38 have been canceled, thereby obviating the objections.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103, 112 and Allowable Subject Matter

The Patent Office rejected claims 28-34 as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Patent Office rejected claims 1-8, 14-22, 28-32, and 37-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Earl et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,041,324). The Patent Office rejected claims 1-10, 12-24, 26-33 and 37-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Earl et al. in view of Degen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,4118,436 B1). The Patent Office rejected claims 35 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Earl et al. in view of Johnson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,799,302) alone and further in view of Degen et al.

Applicant again wishes to seek expeditious issuance of a patent containing claims directed to subject matter found allowable by the Patent Office. Thus, claims 1, 14 and 28 have been amended to present claims 11, 25, and 34, respectively, in independent form. Claim 28 has further been amended to delete the phrase “if the address of the obtained record is determined to be in the set of know addresses” obviating the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 9-11, 23-25, and 33-38 have been canceled. Consequently, it is believed that all claims currently presented for consideration are allowable, and issuance of the present Application as a Patent is solicited. Nevertheless, Applicant does not acquiesce to the rejections of claims 1-10, 12-24 and 26-38, and reserves the right to present claims drawn to the same or similar subject matter for consideration in a continuing application.

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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Withdrawal of the rejections and issuance of the application as a patent is earnestly solicited.

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